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2. Recruitment and Release of Troops DATE DISTR. 29 July 1955

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Defenses of Stalin

1. Four kilometers from Stalin along the road to Varna (formerly Sv. Konstantin), there are barracks and a searchlight along the shore. A battery of six 85-mm. antiaircraft guns is located beyond the bridge which crosses the bank, and on the road which runs to Galata (N 43-10, E 27-57). Further south there is a barracks with garages for about 50 trucks. A line fortified with concrete, which seems abandoned and probably was built during the last war, is located on the heights of Stalin towards the west and near the Stalin-Kolarovgrad and the Stalin-Tolbukhin road crossing. There were some cylindrical blocks in the ground and rising two meters above ground with embrasures directed to the east and to the northeast. (See sketch which appears on page 2.)

Recruitment and Release of Troops

2. The following was observed on 3 May 1955 in Barracks No. 41 (in Sofia?):
- a. At 8:30 a.m. a group of young men in civilian clothes entered and came out of certain buildings. In a corner of the courtyard of the barracks an entire group, supervised by an officer, was trying on uniforms. Between two and four p.m., there was dancing and singing. Several men in civilian clothes left the barracks after having said good-bye to their friends. They carried one or more handbags.
- b. Around 7:30 p.m. other young men in civilian clothes left the barracks. They were accompanied to the gate by their comrades. Around midnight (probably around 9 p.m.) nothing special happened at the railroad station. Between 9 and 10 p.m., about 15 young men were seen with baggage. They appeared to have been released from the service. On the railroad platform and at the station, about 50 pilots were observed with all their equipment. Some of them had shaven heads.

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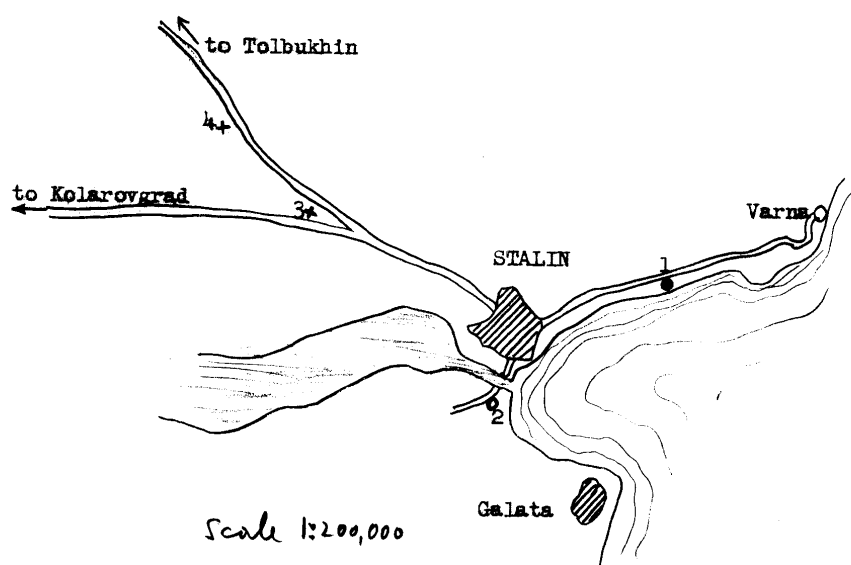
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The Defenses of Stalin

Legend

- 1 - Searchlight
- 2 - Battery of six 85-mm. AA guns.
- 3 - Two abandoned concrete fortifications.
- 4 - One abandoned concrete fortification.



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